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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Executive Secretary,

United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT:

Annual Report to the NSC on the Status

of the Foreign Intelligence Program

Enclosed is the report on the National Intelligence

Survey program requested in your memorandum of 7 July 1960.

Assistant Director Basic Intelligence

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NIS Report

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National Intelligence Survey (NIS)

In FY 1960 the NIS program completed its twelfth year of operation, with over 5,000 NIS topical sections produced to date to provide essentially complete coverage of the JCS highest priority areas and approximately 80% of initial worldwide coverage. Reduced production during FY 1960 has emphasized the problem of responding to expressed user requirement for more timely Maintenance of published NIS at a time when NIS production is being seriously affected by reduction and diversion of effort in the contributing agencies. FY 1960 production fell some 10% below the established annual target for the first time since the post-Korea build-up in MIS production. In these circumstances, and fully recognizing both the element of calculated risk in required selection of coverage and possible significant loss of momentum in the supporting systematic collection-researchproduction cycle, the NIS Committee has initiated selective Maintenance in terms of both topical and area priorities as an interim phase in accomplishing the long-range NIS mission of providing on-hand, comprehensive, worldwide basic intelligence coverage.

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